

"Extract from Entry from Marquis KIDO's Diary, 5 Sept 41"

September 5th, 1941 - (Extract)

.....At 4.30 p.m. the Premier proceeded to the Palace and submitted to the Throne a plan relative to the holding of a Council in the Imperial presence. The Premier said that as the Emperor asked many questions as to our policy towards U.S.A. from the point of view of war strategy, he had advised the Emperor to summon the Chief of General Staff and the Chief of the Naval General Staff. I, therefore, proceeded to the Palace to advise the Emperor to follow the Premier's advice. I requested Aide-de-camp YOKOYAMA to call the Chief of the General Staff, the Chief of the Naval General Staff, and the Premier to the Palace. At 6 p.m. they were granted an audience by the Emperor to answer the Imperial questions.

木 戸 侯 爵 日 記

昭和十六年九月五日分

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九月五日（金）晴
午前九時砂田重政氏來訪面談
十時二十五分ヨリ十一時迄拜謁
侍従長來室懇談
一時半中村警衛局長來室最近ノ治安狀況等ヲ聽ク
四時半首相參内御前會議ノ事ニツキ奏上ス對米施策
ニツキ作戰上ノ御疑問等モ數々アリ首相ハ兩總長ノ
御召ヲ御願シ尙内大臣トモ相談スベキ旨言上一旦退
下ス因ツテ五時二拜謁ヲ願ヒ右ニ對シ御下聞ニ奉答
首相ノ奏上ノ通り兩總長ヲ御召相成度旨奏上ス
一旦退下更ニ同十分拜謁ノ手續ニツキ御許ヲ得直ニ
横山武官ニヨリ兩總長ニ傳達セシム
六時首相兩總長打揃ヒテ拜謁御下聞ニ奉答ス 御前
ヲ退下ノ後首相へ立寄リ小時會談七時退出ス

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六 戸 候 錄 日 記

昭和十六年九月六日分

九月六日(土)晴

午前九時半出勤

九時四十分ヨリ九時五十五分迄御召ニヨリ奉謁ス本

日ノ御前會議ニテ御質問相成度恩召ニテ種々御下問

アリタルヲ以テ余トシテハ御質問ノ要旨ナル點ハ原

下相ニ於テ質問スペキ答ナレバ陛下トシテハ最後ニ

今回ノ決定ハ國運ヲ賜シテノ戰争トモナルベキ重大

決定ナレバ統帥部ニ於テモ外交工作ノ成功ヲ齊

ク全幅ノ協力ヲナスベシトノ意味ノ御警告ヲ被

受コトガ最モ可然カト等答ス

十時本醫保局長來訪治安狀況ヲ聽ク

一時武官長ニ於テ東宮御教育ニ關スル會議アリ出席ス

十二時四十分武官長ト御前會議ニツイテ懇談ス

一時十分ヨリ一時三十分迄奉謁御前會議ノ模様ニツ

キ御話アリ、原議長ノ外交工作ヲ主トスルノ趣旨ナ

リヤ云々ノ質問ニ對シ海軍大臣ヨリ答辯シ統帥部ハ

發言セザリシニ對シ最後ニ御發言アリ統帥部ノ答辯

セザルヲ造謗トスト仰セアリ明治天皇ノ御聖「四方

ノ聲」ノ御歌ヲ御引用ニ相成リ外交工作ニ全幅ノ督

力ヲナスベキ旨仰セラレタル旨等ル